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## SANTA ANITA'S BIG BON FIRE

### GRANDSTAND IS BURNED DOWN

**Spectacular Fire Takes Almost Last Vestige of Lucky Baldwin's Great Sporting Establishment.**

Most spectacular of all the events which ever took place at the famous Santa Anita race track was the fire which destroyed the grand stand and paddock Wednesday night. The original cost of the buildings in 1906 was about \$75,000 and it is said about \$25,000 insurance was carried.

Both buildings were of wood built with steel frames, and afforded quick fuel as soon as the fire had started. Hardly an hour had elapsed from the time the first flames were noticed till the grand stand was practically leveled. The intense heat from the grand stand fired the paddock which was separated by some little distance. It was consumed almost as quickly as the grand stand. While it was a smaller building it was enclosed, while the open, airy construction of the grand stand exposed it more readily to the ravages of the flames.

Sierra Madre undoubtedly had the best view of the fire enjoyed by any of the surrounding towns. Nearly every one was out watching the progress of the flames which appeared of tremendous size across the two miles of intervening country. There was no wind and the smoke and flames rose slowly to a great height before being caught in the cross currents of air. The whole mountain range back of Sierra Madre was bathed in the intense glow like that of a brilliant sunset.

Not content with seeing the fire at the many autoists were on the way to the scene as soon as they could after the fire became noisome. Small formalities like lighting lamps or observing speed laws were entirely forgotten. The dozen or more machines from Sierra Madre and hundreds on the scene from Pasadena, Monrovia and other surrounding towns.

The great heat from the fire was felt entirely across the race track course. After the collapse of the roof and wooden floors of the grand stand the skeleton of steel girders was left standing red hot over the seething furnace beneath, and finally went down with a mighty crash and sent up a shower of sparks and embers.

The burning of the grand stand and paddock marks the complete finish of the vast sporting establishment at Arcadia of which Lucky Baldwin dreamed for so many years and which he realized in part. Only the stables now remain. The track was established in 1907; its career was short lived. It had been out of use since the passage of the anti-race track gambling law three years ago. Since it closed Arcadia has been the scene of a remarkable series of fires which have wiped out The Hotel Oakwood, The White City resort, the principal saloons and the big hay barn at the race track, the grand stand and paddock making a spectacular finale.

The building of the Santa Anita track was one of the hurry-up jobs of turf history. Although the track

was the conception of Baldwin it was the money of Barney Schreiber, the Missouri horseman, and George Rose that made the realization of the Baldwin plan possible. Baldwin gave the land for his part in the racing association of which he became president with James L. Holland vice-president, Dr. J. S. Gardner, of Kansas City, Mo., was the first manager of the track.

The property recently was transferred to H. A. Unruh, John Brink and James L. Holland. Barney Schreiber, the Missouri horseman, and George Rose, who financed the building of the track, sold their holdings to Unruh three weeks ago.

### SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

**Figures Show Deficiency for the Season of More Than Ten Inches**

The actual rainfall for the present season, as recorded by Mr. Blumer, has been as follows:

October	1.10
November	.08
December	.94
January	.23
Total	1.35

The average rainfall over a period of twenty-three years during the corresponding months of the season was as follows:

October	1.40
November	1.83
December	4.10
January	4.85

Total 12.18

Comparison of the tables shows a deficiency of 10.83 inches compared with the average of the twenty-three years and of 13.22 inches compared with the corresponding period last year.

The lowest record during the past twenty-three seasons, for the months of October, November, December and January was in 1903-4 when no rain fell in the months of October, November and December, and only .41 in January. The total rainfall for that season was 12.44 inches. The present season with only 1.35 inches comes next. Then follows the season of 1898-99 with 3.79 inches during the first four months of the season and only 8.34 for the entire season.

The average rainfall in February is .96 inches. Last year the record showed 5.83 inches. The march average is 5.71 inches while last year 10.44 inches fell during that month. The April average is 1.12 inches, and 1.18 inches fell during the April of last year.

### CLEAN UP TUESDAY

**WOMAN'S CLUB ARRANGES FOR DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH TO IMPROVE CITY'S APPEARANCE**

"Clean-up day" will be observed next Tuesday, February 6, according to plans of the civics committee of the Woman's Club. All property owners are urged to gather up cans, bottles and similar trash which may be scattered about their property. They should be placed in sacks or boxes on the parkings next Tuesday morning and will be gathered up and hauled away. No garbage will be taken away and it should not be put out with the rubbish.

### EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, Rector. Septuagesima Sunday. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; sermon and Holy Communion, 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

**DR. CAMPBELL'S LECTURE LIKED**

**Anniversary of Birth of Robert Burns Appropriately Observed**

New insight into the life and writings of Robert Burns was afforded many persons by the lecture of Rev. James M. Campbell, D. D., at the Woman's Club House last Friday evening. The even was given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, commemorative of the birthday of the Scotch plowman-poet, and was attended by an audience which nearly filled the club house auditorium.

Being a fellow countryman of Burns and familiar with scenes among which Burns had lived, as well as a deep student of his poetry, Dr. Campbell was able to speak in a most illuminating way. His analysis of some of Burns' poems was keen but sympathetic.

Some of the best known of the Burns songs were sung in delightful manner by the ladies' quartet composed of Mrs. Hawkhurst, Misses Craig, Humphries and Caskey. Following the discourse a series of stereopticon views of Scotland, scenes in the Burns country and illustrative of some of the poems were shown, Dr. Campbell's explanations adding greatly to the interest.

The program closed with the singing of a poem, "The Heart Can Never Grow Old," written by Dr. Campbell and set to music by Prof. Dixon of the University of Southern California.

There will be University and College headquarters established near the country registrations, and all former students are invited to meet in their respective places from three to four o'clock. By having a definite hour it is hoped many more will avail themselves of this chance to meet fellow students.

There will be a tent at headquarters where you may check your parcels for cents. Emergency provisions will also be made at headquarters for any cases of illness or accident.

Bring well filled baskets and generously invite those people unprovided to enjoy your hospitality.

Annual business meeting (election of officers for ensuing year) will be held near headquarters, immediately following the program given at same place at 9:30.

**WOULDN'T IT FROST YOU?**

Sufficient ice to make an iceberg that would knock the corners off the Golden Gate if it were brought into San Francisco bay, was used in California by the Pacific Fruit Express

Company, the refrigerator car service of the Harriman lines, during the fruit shipping season ending December 31, 1911. This same supply of ice, when each cake placed end to end, would cover a stretch 900 miles long and 22 inches wide. The Pacific Fruit express used in this state last year 1,437,432 cakes of ice, each 39 inches long, 22 inches wide and 11 inches in thickness. The weight of all of this ice totals 220,115 tons, each cake weighing 300 pounds. If it were melted it would equal 75,588,374 gallons of water.

**C. H. PARSONS.**

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY**

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Express and passenger, except Sunday.

### BARTLETT TONIGHT

**FAMOUS LOS ANGELES MAN WILL SPEAK AT WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE THIS EVENING**

Dr. Dana Bartlett will speak at the Woman's Club House this evening on some phase of civic advancement. Dr. Bartlett is famous throughout the land for his work as superintendent of the Bethlehem Institution of Los Angeles and as a leader in charitable work. He is a keen, far-sighted worker whom experience has taught many lessons. He has a message which every one should hear. He labors not only to relieve the poor and distressed but to correct the evils which bring about slums and slum conditions. The address will be free, the event being given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, and chairman, to have a representative of the Woman's Progressive League in Sierra Madre for the occasion. Regulation polling booths and supplies will be used and an election carried on strictly according to the California election laws. Full instructions will be given in all points of the game. All women in Sierra Madre are invited to visit the club house between 10 and 4 o'clock and add to their accomplishments by learning how to use the ballot which was recently given them.

**SCHOOL FOR VOTERS**

**WOMAN'S CLUB WILL HOLD SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION IN VOTING NEXT WEDNESDAY**

The gentle art of properly casting a ballot at an election will be taught at a school of instruction for voters to be held under the auspices of the Woman's Club at the club house next Wednesday. Arrangements have been made by the civics committee of the Woman's Club, of which Mrs. L. E. Steinberger is chairman, to have a representative of the Woman's Progressive League in Sierra Madre for the occasion. Regulation polling booths and supplies will be used and an election carried on strictly according to the California election laws. Full instructions will be given in all points of the game. All women in Sierra Madre are invited to visit the club house between 10 and 4 o'clock and add to their accomplishments by learning how to use the ballot which was recently given them.

### GOOD TEMPLARS ACTIVE

**New Lodge Active and Membership Roll Is Growing**

The second regular meeting of Sierra Madre Lodge No. 62, I. O. G. T., was held at Town Hall last Saturday evening. As an evidence of the interest shown, thirty-two of the thirty-four members answered the roll call. Four new members were elected as follows: Katharine Schwartz, Mrs. Graham, Joseph Evans and Vera Berryhill. They were initiated in regular form, the new officers of the lodge officiating during the exercises.

Robert Taylor of Tropico, a past District Chief Templar, was introduced and formally presented Sierra Madre lodge with a set of fourteen officers' regalia, which Chief Templar Noble accepted in behalf of the local lodge.

Both properties are highly suitable for subdivision, being high and beautifully situated. Both reach well up on the side of the mountains, not more than two-thirds of the El Reposo property being suitable for cultivation. In case the syndicate secures the Hastings property the development of El Reposo will probably be delayed for a year or two, but if Mr. Hastings refuses their offer they have indicated their intention of proceeding at once with the promotion of the El Reposo subdivision.

Mrs. Harriet H. Cadwell regretfully declined the position of Lodge Deputy on account of poor health, and Mrs. A. A. Rice was recommended for the position. The Chief Templar appointed the following committees:

Membership—Mrs. H. G. Flint, Mr. A. Rice and Mrs. J. J. Graham.

Finance—R. W. Matthe, C. L. Twycross, Mrs. H. T. Caskey.

The entertainment committee will be selected later, the visitors meanwhile furnishing the program. Mrs. Irene Morris, president of the Pasadena-Washington Heights Women's Christian Temperance Union, was introduced and gave two appropriate and entertaining readings.

The lodge charter was presented by the Grand Chief Templar and contains the names of the thirty charter members. It will be framed and hung in the hall. Pasadena lodge was represented by twelve visitors and other lodges by four.

During the present week the lodge will inaugurate a campaign of literature distribution and at an early date commence an active canvas for members. The fees are small and the object of the organization of such a commendable character that the support of citizens can be invited with confidence. The District Lodge degree will be conferred on February 17 by district lodge officers.

**CORRESPONDENT.**



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### PROLOGUE.

*Napoleon—what a word to conjure with in the realm of romance! A treasure put together to rescue him from St. Helena.*

*Gold—French gold, English gold, Spanish pieces of eight, Austrian gold—all waiting for a claimant in a rotting chest somewhere in Corsica. Where is the key to the hiding place of the treasure secreted? Where is the treasure itself to be found? Who will win the bean if the American girl, the plucky American newspaperman or the mysterious adventurer whose comings and goings are watched by the secret agents of two great governments? With such themes as these, what wonder that Harold MacGrath, that prince of story tellers, has created in "A Splendid Hazard" the most fascinating romance that has yet come from his pen.*

**CHAPTER I.**

### A MEMORIAL DATE.

**A** BLURRING rain fell upon Paris that day. It was the 16th of June. To Fitzgerald there was something eerie in the date. Many years before this date had marked the end to a certain hundred days, the eclipse of a sun more dazzling than Rome in the heyday of her august Caesars had ever known.

Waterloo. A little corporal of artillery, from a cocked hat to a crown, from Corsica to St. Helena—Napoleon.

Fitzgerald as he pressed his way along the Boulevard des Invalides, his umbrella swaying and snapping in the wind much like the sail of a derelict, could see in fancy that celebrated field wherein this eclipse had been supernally prearranged. He held the handle of the umbrella under his arm, for the wind had a tempest mauling and destructive, and veered it from the Place Vendôme. Another man coming with equal haste from the opposite direction, from the entrance of the tomb itself, was also two paces behind him.

"I beg your pardon," said Fitzgerald in French.

"It is of no consequence," replied the stranger, laughing. "This is always a devil of a corner on a windy day."

His French had a slight German twist to it.

Briefly they inspected each other, as strangers will, carelessly, with annoyance and amusement interplaying in their eyes and on their lips, all in a trifling moment. Then each raised his hat and proceeded as tranquilly and unconcernedly as though destiny had no ulterior motive in bringing them thus really together. And yet when they had passed and disappeared from each other's view both were struck with the fact that somewhere they had met before.

Fitzgerald went into the tomb, his head bare. Napoleon had always been Fitzgerald's hero; but he did not worship him blindly, no. He knew him to have been brutal, domineering man, unscrupulous in politics, to whom woman was either a temporary toy or a stepping stone, not particularly whether she was a dairymaid or an Austrian princess—in fact, a rascal, but a great, inventive, splendid, courageous one.

Near to Fitzgerald stood an elderly man and a girl. The old fellow was a fine type of manhood, perhaps in the sixties, white haired, and the ruddy enamel on his cheeks spoke eloquently of sea changes and many angles of the sun. There was a button in the lapel of his coat, and from this Fitzgerald assumed that he was a naval officer, probably retired.

The girl rested upon the railing, her hands folded, and dreamily her gaze wandered from trophy to trophy; from the sarcophagus to the encircling faces, from one window to another and again to the porphyry beneath. And Fitzgerald's gaze wandered, too. For the girl's face was of that mold which invariably draws first the eye of a man, then his intellect, and sometimes all three at once.

The face was as lovely as a rose on page 4.

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## Brief Items of Interest

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Miss Mabel Vale of Long Beach was a week end guest of Miss Mabel Hill.

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Clothing, canned and preserved fruits and especially money are a few ways needed for use by the committee and can be used to excellent advantage.

Reciprocity Day will be a big event with a large number of out-of-town visitors. Some announcements were made regarding it and also regarding plans for the spring flower show, though no date has been chosen for the latter.

Mrs. Ingram, chairman of the school committee, reported that the Sierra Madre public school was keeping pace with the growth of the community and modern methods, having installed manual training and sewing courses.

Dr. Everts of the Health Committee, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Jensen urged the necessity for sanitary drinking fountains for the pupils and the abolishment of cups, and the use of sanitary towels.

It was voted to ask the school trustees and board of health to get together and secure these much needed improvements.

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# A SPLENDID HAZARD

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Taormina. Dark brown were her eyes, dark brown was her hair. She was tall and lithe, too, with the subtle hint of the woman. There were good taste and sense in her garments. A bunch of Parma violets was pinned against her breast.

Between Fitzgerald and the girl was a veteran. He had turned eighty it a day. His face was powder blown an empty sleeve was folded across his breast and the medal of the Legion of Honor fell over the sleeve. As the girl and her elderly escort, presumably her father, turned about to leave, she unpinned the flowers and offered them impulsively to the aged hero.

"Take these, mon brave," she said lightly. "You have fought for France."

The old man was confused and his faded eyes filled. "For me, mademoiselle?"

"Surely!"

"Thanks, mademoiselle, thanks! I saw him when they brought him back from St. Helena, and the Old Guard waded out into the Seine. Those were days. Thanks, mademoiselle; an old soldier salutes you!" And the time-worn figure grew tall.

Fitzgerald cleared his throat, for just then something had formed there. Why, God bless her! She was the kind of girl who became the mother of soldiers.

With her departure his present interest here began to wane. He wondered who she might be and what part of his native land she adorned when not gracing European capitals. Well, this was no time for mooning. He had arrived from London the day preceding and was leaving for Corfu on the morrow, and perchance he must crowd many things into this short grace of time.

Today his sightseeing ended in the hall of Turenne, before the souvenirs of the Due de Reichstadt, so called the king of Rome. Poor, little lead soldiers, tarnished and broken; what a pathetic history! Abused, ignored, his childish aspirations trampled on, the name and glory of his father made sport of; worried as cruel children worry a puppy, tantalized, hoping against hope that this night or the next his father would dash in at the head of the Old Guard and take him back to Paris. A plaything for Metternich! Who can gaze upon these little toys without a thrill of pity?

"Poor little codger!" Fitzgerald murmured aloud.

"Yes, yes!" agreed a voice in good English, over his shoulder. "Who will ever realize the misery of that boy?"

Fitzgerald at once recognized his jousting opponent of the previous hour. Further, this second appearance refreshed his memory. He knew now where he had met the man; he even recalled his name.

"Are you not Karl Breitmann?" he asked with directness.

"Yes. And you are—let me think. Yes; I have it. You are the American correspondent, Fitzgerald?"

"And we met in Macedonia during the Greek war."

"Right! And you and I, with a handful of other scribblers slept that night under the same tent."

"By George!"

"I did not recall you when we bumped awhile ago, but once I had gone by your face became singularly familiar."

"Funny, isn't it?" And Fitzgerald took hold of the extended hand. "The sight of these toys always gets into my my little soul!"

Fitzgerald smiled. "You are an enthusiast like myself."

"Who wouldn't be who has visited every battlefield, who has spent days wandering about Corsica, Elba, St. Helena? But you?"

"My word, I have done the same things!"

They exchanged smiles and drifted into long conversation and fought a drawn battle, compared this general and that and built idle fancies upon what the outcome would have been had Napoléon won at Waterloo. This might have gone on indefinitely had not the patient attendant finally dangled his keys and yawned over his watch. It was 4 o'clock, and they had been talking for a full hour. They exchanged cards, and Fitzgerald, with his usual disregard of convention, invited Breitmann to dine with him that evening at the Meurice.

He selected a table by the window, dining at 7:30. Breitmann was prompt. In evening clothes there was something distinctive about the man. Fitzgerald, who was himself a wide traveler and a man of the world, instantly saw and was agreeably surprised that he had asked a gentleman to dine. Fitzgerald was no codger; he would have been just as much interested in Breitmann had he arrived in a cutaway suit. But chance acquaintances, as a rule, are rudimentary experiments.

They sat down. Breitmann was full of surprises and as the evening wore on Fitzgerald remembered having seen Breitmann's name at the

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foot of big newspaper stories. This man had traveled everywhere, spoke five languages, had been a war correspondent, a sailor in the south seas and heaven knew what else. He had ridden camels and polo ponies in the Sudan, he had been shot in the Greco-Turkish war shortly after his having met Fitzgerald, he had played a part in the recent Spanish-American war and had fought against the English in the Transvaal.

"And now I am resting," he concluded. "I am thirty-eight. Into twenty of those years I have crowded a century."

"You don't look it."

"Ah, one does not need to dissipate to live quickly. The life I have led has kept me in health and vigor. But you? You are not a man who travels without gaining material."

"I have had a few adventures, something like yours, only not so widely diversified. I wrote some successful short stories about China once. I have had some good sport, too, here and there."

"You live well for a newspaper correspondent," suggested Breitmann, nodding at the bottle of twenty-eight-year-old Burgundy.

"Oh, it's a habit we Americans have," amiably. "We rough it for a

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